



# Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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## Emergency Declaration Assistance – Hurricane Katrina

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The State of Missouri has requested and received an Emergency Declaration as the result of Hurricane Katrina. The Emergency Declaration provides for reimbursement of eligible expenses for Category B work under the Public Assistance Program. Category B is Protective Measures. The eligible expenses in this category of work include: Preparation of sheltering facilities for displaced persons, supplies and commodities for shelters, use of applicant owned equipment, contract costs, other essential services (medical staff for emergency care, public information officers), and cleaning and restoration of the shelter facility. Eligible applicants are governmental entities (Counties, Cities, State Agencies, School Districts, etc.). Private - Non - Profit entities that operated sheltering facilities on behalf of governmental agencies (Counties, Cities, etc.) or in response to a mutual aid agreement with a governmental agency may also be eligible applicants. If your jurisdiction or agency incurred the expenses outlined above and you are interested in applying for Public Assistance under this declaration, please go the SEMA website (<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semapage.htm>) and complete the Reception and Sheltering Operations Survey. The SEMA Disaster Section will contact responding entities with additional information. Our telephone numbers are: (573) 526 - 9234, 9203, and 9114. Our Fax number is: (573) 526 - 9193.

## FY2005 Homeland Security Grant Program Allocations

By Tom Mohr  
Homeland Security Program Manager

The State Homeland Security Advisory Council met on September 16, 2005. The council decided that the FY2005 Homeland Security Grant would fund the Interoperable Communications Grant for \$10 million, and the LETPP Grant for \$5.9 million

**State Homeland Security Grant Program:** Funding will be used for an Interoperability Communications grant. The State Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) and the State Homeland Security Advisory Council Subcommittee for Interoperable Communications were tasked to determine what equipment is eligible for purchase and who will be eligible to apply for the grant. SEMA is tasked to work with both groups to develop the criteria and grant application package. A Peer Review group will be appointed to review the applications and make selections. SEMA will review the applications for grant compliance, develop the award documents, and administer all aspects of the grant. This will be an on-line application; jurisdictions will be contacted on how to access the on-line application.

**Law Enforcement Terrorism Protection Program:** The FY2005 LETPP funding will be used to purchase "Live Scan" finger printing system (electronic scanning of fingerprints). The Missouri Sheriffs Association and the Missouri Police Chiefs Association are developing a priority list of recipients for this system. A major condition of this program requires recipients to assume all yearly maintenance costs for the system (grant rules do not allow for these costs). SEMA will develop the award documents, the terms/conditions documents, and administer the program.

SEMA will work with the Missouri Office of Administration's Procurement office to obtain a contract for "Live Scan" system and have the unit "drop-shipped to the jurisdiction. A contract at the state level for the bulk purchase will save a considerable amount of money. This savings will allow for the purchase of more units compared to each jurisdiction working individually buying the system. This will be an on-line application; selected jurisdictions will be contacted on how to access the on-line application.

## **FY2004 Grant Expires November 30, 2005**

**By Tom Mohr**

### **Homeland Security Program Manager**

Recipients of the 2004 Homeland Security City/County, Interoperable Communication, Fire Grants and Citizen Council are strongly urged to meet the September 30 reporting deadline for spending as per the email sent earlier this month. The email required all sub grantees to forward documentation showing that all grant funds have been encumbered (by written contract, Purchase Orders, invoices etc;). The FY2004 grant expires November 30, 2005, to get an extension we have to show ODP that the funds are encumbered.

We have been informed by the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP), that during the next reporting period we will be required to report not only reimbursed grant funds but also funds that have been encumbered by sub grantees.

Failure to provide the required documentation may result in a withdrawal of all un-encumbered funds. Most of the identified grants were awarded 12 months ago and should be ready to be "closed out." (with the exception of some of the Interoperable Communication grants). We are very concerned with the lack of performance (requests for reimbursement and funds encumbered) by a large number of sub grantees.

We are presently developing the criteria for the FY2005 grants, one of the criteria will be, "jurisdictions that have not encumbered 100% of previous grant funds (and forwarded the required documentation to SEMA) will not be eligible for grant funding for the FY2005 cycle.

If you have questions, please contact the SEMA Homeland Security staff at 573-526-9229.

## **SEMA's Fall Newsletters Posted to Homepage**

The Fall Newsletters are now posted to the SEMA homepage: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semapage.htm>. The SEMA newsletter has articles on Chapter 44, Homeland Security Information, Hurricane Katrina response, and training. The link is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/semanews.pdf>. The Mitigation Newsletter has articles on mitigation grant awards and new grant guidelines, and NFIP training opportunities. The link is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mitnews.pdf>. The MERC Signal has information on Hazardous Material response. The link is: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/mercnews.pdf>.

## **Missouri Donations Hotline – (800) 841-8891**

The Missouri Donations Hotline is **800-841-8891**. The Missouri Donations Hotline has been established for anyone wishing to volunteer or donate to the Hurricane Katrina or Rita victims. Trained AmeriCorps volunteers will help callers between the hours of 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week.

## **Blunt Signs Executive Orders for Hurricane Rita Response**

Gov. Matt Blunt signed two executive orders for Hurricane Rita response. One allows state departments and personnel to assist in Hurricane Rita relief efforts, while the other grants authority for the National Guard to respond. SEMA activated the State Emergency Operations Center for 24 hour coverage beginning at noon Friday, Sept. 23. SEMA operations returned to normal hours on September 27, 2005. The National Guard continues 24-hour operation, which has been maintained since Hurricane Katrina.

Initial Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) requests are asking for Missouri National Guard assets at this time. FEMA asked Missouri to survey how many evacuees the state could potentially handle. The state will continue its efforts to coordinate and identify housing solutions.

SEMA's homepage features both Hurricane Katrina and Rita information <http://sema.dps.mo.gov>.

### **Over 14,000 Katrina/Rita Victims In Missouri**

As of October 3, the Red Cross was working with 14,062 Hurricane Katrina and Rita victims staying with family, friends or faith-based organizations in Missouri.

"We encourage every Katrina victim to register with the local chapter of the American Red Cross," said SEMA Director Ron Reynolds. Additionally, registering with the Red Cross helps Missouri voluntary and faith based disaster response organizations continue to help administer services in the local communities. SEMA will use the information to help reimburse governments for the emergency related costs associated with their Hurricane Katrina activities.

Disaster victims are encouraged to register with FEMA either by calling 800- 621- FEMA or registering on the FEMA website: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov). FEMA says 5,222 hurricane victims now living in Missouri have registers for various federal programs through FEMA.

### **Extension Disaster Education Network Links Information Sources For Hurricane Katrina and Rita Survivors**

**By Eric Evans, MU Extension**

The Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) designed informational pages for citizens displaced by either Hurricane Katrina or Rita. EDEN established a page for each of the affected states with information designed to help citizens once they return to their homes. While these pages are not all-inclusive in terms of educational resources, they provide specific topic areas with two to four listed resources (mainly fact sheets) specific to a state or their current needs. The information can be easily printed to make a simple package of information for evacuees in your community.

The pages will be updated as needs change. Here are the links:

Louisiana - [https://www.ces.purdue.edu/eden/disasters/hurricanekat/index\\_la.htm](https://www.ces.purdue.edu/eden/disasters/hurricanekat/index_la.htm)

Mississippi - [https://www.ces.purdue.edu/eden/disasters/hurricanekat/index\\_miss.htm](https://www.ces.purdue.edu/eden/disasters/hurricanekat/index_miss.htm)

Texas - [https://www.ces.purdue.edu/eden/disasters/hurricanekat/index\\_tx.htm](https://www.ces.purdue.edu/eden/disasters/hurricanekat/index_tx.htm)

### **16 Conservation Officers, 10 Water Patrol Officers Respond to Louisiana EMAC Request**

The Missouri Department of Conservation sent 16 officers and 8 boats, and the Missouri State Water Patrol sent 8 officers and 4 boats to provide disaster relief assistance to Louisiana in response to Hurricane Katrina through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC).

The Department of Conservation officers were teamed with members of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Law Enforcement Division for search and rescue operations in the St. Charles area of New Orleans. Conservation Officers responding were: Regional Supervisor Ken West, Regional Supervisor Tom Strother, District Supervisor Lynn McClamroch, Conservation Agents Mike Christensen, Vince Crawford, Marc Bagley, Kevin Zielke, Rob Farr, Bob Burgess, Denise Hunsaker, Rob Brandenburg, Mark Reed, Dave Nichols, Jason Langston, Mike Terhune, and Danton Letterman. Other Conservation officials doing the legwork over the Labor Day weekend to get the team to Louisiana included Glenda Verslues, Larry Yamnitz, Protection Field Chief, and John Smith, Deputy Director.

The Missouri State Water Patrol Officers also performed search and rescue operations and helped evacuate between 200-250 New Orleans residents. Officers responding were: Team Leader Captain Bill Cox, Sergeants Jerry Rogers, Robert Searcy, and Dave Wall, and Patrol Officers Robert May, Gene Cole, James Pragman, Tim Murrell, Doug Kissinger and Jay Riley.

## **50 Missouri Highway Patrol Officers, 6 Communications Officers Respond to Mississippi's EMAC Request**

The Missouri Highway Patrol sent 50 patrol officers and six communications officers to support an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request for law enforcement assistance to Mississippi. The officers worked in Biloxi. Here are the members of the Patrol and the Troop Areas they represent: **Command Staff:** Team One: Captain Bob Bloomberg (Gaming Division), and Lieutenant Duane Robinson (Troop I, Rolla). Team Two: Captain Dale Schmidt (Troop F, Jefferson City), and Lieutenant Tim McDonald (Gaming Division).

**Troop A** in Lee's Summit (Kansas City area): Sergeant Greg Martin, Corporals Andy Coats, and Darren Lilleman, Troopers Mindy Gordon, and Chris Winter. **Troop B** in Macon (Northeast Missouri): Troopers Amanda Newbrough, Tim Shoop, Brady Sowers, Chad Walton, Chief Radio Operator Terry Barnett, and Lead Radio Operator Michael Weiseman. **Troop C** in Kirkwood (St. Louis area): Sergeants John Enderle, Marc McCallister, and Paula Woodruff, Corporal Scott Ashby, Troopers Ryan Bahr, James Marlin, and William Sevier. **Troop D** in Springfield (Southwest Missouri): Sergeant Mike Frazier, Corporals Brad Bearden, and Gary Horton, Troopers Terry Bible, Clay Meyer, and Chief Radio Operator Jeff Alberson. **Troop E** in Poplar Bluff (Southeast Missouri): Sergeants Cody Fulkerson, and Larry Plunkett, Corporal Charles Colbert, Troopers Mike Slaughter, Justin Watson, and Chief Radio Operator Shannon McGowan. **Troop F** in Jefferson City (Central Missouri): Sergeant David Earney, Corporal Corey Schoeneberg, Troopers Wallace Ahrens and Demond Tauber. **Troop G** in Willow Springs (South Central Missouri): Corporals Jason Brumble, and Shannon Crouch, and Trooper George Falterman. **Troop H** in St. Joseph (Northwest Missouri): Sergeant Todd Zacher, and Trooper Henry Andy. **Troop I** in Rolla (Central Missouri -- I-44 corridor): Corporal Christine Bogart, Trooper Jason Riggs, and Assistant Chief Technical Engineer Steve Groves. **General Headquarters** (State-wide): Sergeants Sara Eberhard, Kevin Glaser, James Musche, Leo Ream, Jeff Smith, T.J. Stevens, and Eric Tilford, Corporal Kenny Schulte, Trooper Gara Howard, and Chief Radio Operator Keith Randle.

## **Dopp Responds to Louisiana HAZMAT EMAC Request**

The Missouri Emergency Response Commission's manager Bob Dopp was deployed to the Louisiana State Emergency Operations Center in Baton Rouge as a special EMAC request for post-flood HAZMAT issues in New Orleans. Dopp left Missouri September 24 for a 14-day deployment. He will be working on an EMAC Advanced Team

## **EMAC Request Will Send Floodplain, Mitigation Officers to Mississippi**

Through EMAC, Mississippi requested Missouri's Floodplain Officers and State Hazard Mitigation Officer for 14-day deployments in October/November. State Hazard Mitigation Officer Randy Scrivner and Floodplain Management Officer Roger Connell will deploy October 2; Floodplain Management Officer Dale Schmutzler will deploy in Mid-October; Floodplain Management/Mitigation Branch Chief George Riedel will deploy in late-October/November.

## **Use of Code 10 in Disaster Response**

**By Dennis J. Prevett, Program Coordinator,  
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The use of plain language in emergency response situations is matter of public safety, especially the safety of first responders and those affected by the incident. It is critical that all local responders, as well

as those coming into the impacted area from other jurisdictions and other states, know and utilize commonly established operational structures, terminology, policies and procedures. This is what NIMS and the Incident Command System (ICS) are all about. There are larger matters at stake here – achieving interoperability across jurisdictions and disciplines.

The plain language requirement is about the ability of area commanders, state and local EOC personnel, federal operational coordinators, and responders to communicate clearly with each other and effectively coordinate response activities, no matter what the size, scope or complexity of the incident. The ability of responders from different jurisdictions and different disciplines to work together depends greatly on their ability to communicate with each other. Everyone has to speak the same language – plain English.

The Department of Homeland Security will issue the National Incident Management System (NIMS) FY 2006 compliance requirements shortly. Concerning plain language and "10-Codes", the following guidance will be issued:

- \* Incident response communications (during exercises and actual incidents) should feature plain English commands so they will be able to function in a multi-jurisdiction environment. Field manuals and training should be revised to reflect the plain English standard.
- \* '10' codes may continue to be used during non-emergency, internal department communications.

### **Area Coordinator Meetings...**

Area D:            October 13, 2005            10 a.m.            Smith's Restaurant, Bolivar

### **SEMA Training Schedule Posted to Homepage**

The new training schedule is on SEMA's homepage. The link is: <http://training.dps.mo.gov/>. Once you go to this website you can click on the link to view the classes and enroll on line. Remember to check the class schedule often, as classes are frequently added. All SEMA classes are free.

### **October SEMA classes Need Enrollees!**

All of SEMA's October courses are in danger of being cancelled because of low enrollment. People interested in taking these courses can contact at Tina Brown, SEMA Training Assistant, at 573-526-9215 or go to the web site to sign up.

10/18-19/05	Community Mass Care	Shelby Co. Health Dept.
10/18/05	Rapid Assessment 8-Noon	SEMA/EOC
NEW 10/18-20/05	Exercise Design & Evaluation with Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) information	Springfield
10/25-27/05	EOC Management	St. Charles
11/8-10/05	EOC Management	Joplin
11/29-30/05	Evacuation & Re-Entry Planning	St. Louis
12/5-6/05	Principles of Emergency Management	Joplin
12/13-15/05	Emergency Planning for Special Needs Populations	Cape Girardeau

### **9 Fire Departments Receive \$242K in Rounds 6 & 7 Firefighter Grants**

#### **Compiled from OPD Firefighter Grant Page**

Here are the Missouri Fire Departments receiving Firefighter Assistance grants from Rounds 6. Departments receiving grants for Operations and Safety are: Bourbon FPD (\$56,845), Maplewood FD (\$47,500), DeKalb FPD (\$55,575), and Hamilton FPD (\$82,112), Columbia FD (\$141,286), Goose Creek Lake FD in French Village (\$34,769), Higginsville Ambulance (\$28,500), Holts Summit FPD (\$42,085), and Leopold VFD (\$48,118).

## **NE MO Medical Reserve Corp Plans Fire Prevention Activities**

October 9-15 is Fire Prevention Week. The Northeast Missouri Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is partnering with a number of other local agencies and Wal-Mart in Kirksville for Health and Safety Day, Saturday, October 15 from 10-4 p.m.

The event will feature health and safety displays both inside and outside the store. Outside in the parking lot will be a number of emergency response agencies, including local fire and police departments. The MRC will also have a display and take blood pressure readings. MRC will be conducting the first of two 2-hour emergency preparedness classes for the public.

## **Corrected Web link to “A Guide To Developing Severe Weather Emergency Plans For Schools”**

The National Weather Service’s Steve Runnells in Springfield sent the corrected web link to The School Guide” link is <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/lwx/swep>. This Guide will help Emergency Management Directors work with schools to develop emergency plans and drills. The National Weather Service (NWS) developed free planning guide: “A Guide To Developing Severe Weather Emergency Plans For Schools.”

**READERS:** Are there items you would like to see addressed or information you would like to share in future Bulletins? Please submit ideas/information to [susie.stonner@sema.dps.mo.gov](mailto:susie.stonner@sema.dps.mo.gov)